



# Michael Anastasio to retire in June as Director of Los Alamos National Laboratory

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LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, January 5, 2011—Michael Anastasio announced today that he will step down in June as director of Los Alamos National Laboratory. In a message to Lab employees, Anastasio announced his retirement and thanked employees for their many accomplishments, tireless efforts, and continued support over the years. Anastasio has served as LANL director since June 2006. He also is president of Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS), the company that manages and operates the Lab for the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration. Norman Pattiz, who chairs the LANS Board of Governors, also informed Lab employees of the director's intention to retire in a letter to the LANL community. He thanked Anastasio for his leadership and exemplary service to the Laboratory and the nation. Pattiz also noted how it will be a daunting task to replace Anastasio but said the Board of Governors will immediately commence the search for a successor,

to accommodate a reasonable transition. “It has been a great privilege to serve as your Laboratory director during some of the most gratifying, as well as challenging, years of my career,” noted Anastasio. “Every day as Lab director has afforded me the opportunity to encounter brilliant science and dedicated people committed to the great responsibilities the country has entrusted to us.” In his letter to Lab personnel, Pattiz said that Anastasio’s “leadership of the Livermore and Los Alamos National Laboratories is a legacy that is unique and marked with exceptional distinction.” Anastasio was director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory from 2002 to 2006. He has earned numerous commendations and is widely recognized for his leadership in national security science and the safe stewardship of nuclear weapons. Anastasio began his career at Lawrence Livermore in 1980 and rose to become associate director for defense and nuclear technologies. While in that position, Anastasio was instrumental in the development and execution of the national Stockpile Stewardship Program, which uses a fundamental science-based approach to sustain the safety, security, and effectiveness of America’s nuclear weapons stockpile. He has served on boards and committees including the United States Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group, National Academy of Sciences Committee on Science & Technology for Countering Terrorism, the California Council on Science and Technology, the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Nanotechnology, and the Department of State’s International Security Advisory Board. Anastasio has taught at Brooklyn College of City University of New York and performed research in theoretical nuclear physics at the Center for Nuclear Studies in Saclay, France, and at the Nuclear Research Center in Julich, Germany. He received a bachelor of arts degree in physics from Johns Hopkins University and earned a master of arts degree as well as his PhD in theoretical nuclear physics from the State University of New York, Stony Brook.

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